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How many bricks does one building take?

By Jessica Miller
Contributing Writer

"It's an exciting day," President Arthur F. Kirk Jr. remarked.

What is more exciting than bricks? Bricks are just one of the many things that helped to make Buildings five and six possible for the Saint Leo University campus and community. Students, staff, board of trustees, construction workers, and other groups of people anticipated integrating buildings five and six into the Saint Leo family.

Yes, Saint Leo has officially adopted the new Buildings into the Saint Leo family. These Buildings are so much more than Residence Halls to students. They provide countless services to all students of the Saint Leo community: homes, quiet places to relax and study, a theater room in Building six that doubles as a classroom and a brand new layout of independent, modern living spaces. However, the Buildings also provide opportunities to enhance the Saint Leo community which people found out when they took the tours to learn about the new Buildings.

The creative intelligence and excellence that was put into the buildings is etched into the details. The new Buildings offer a glance into the future of opportunities that are now provided. On the lowest level of Building five, right through the entrance, are lounge areas designed for comfort and fun. The sofa-like chairs and flat screen televisions near the entrance have features like video game and movie hook-ups for students who enjoy social gatherings. Venturing further into the lounge, the most eye catching feature is the two level 2500 gallon salt water fish tank that decorates an entire wall. To the right of the fish tank the core values placed upon the wall are a reminder of what the Saint Leo community strives for daily. This fish tank will soon gain twenty-five lion fish to the population adding the biology majors with hands-on experience with the sealife. Also, the fish tank is going to be feature in the Discovery show Tanked in an up-coming episode. Next to the fish tank, around the corner, are the Community Space Arcade, Fitness and Relaxation Room. The arcade has skee ball machines, pinball machine, two pool tables, flat screen televisions, field hockey, air hockey and two racing arcade machines. Whether it is to avoid that walk to the gym or to have a quieter space to work out, the fitness center has diverse equipment that include treadmills, bikes and elliptical. All of this equipment has built-in televisions for the users' enjoyment while they exercise. The relaxation room is a place of silence. The only machines in the rooms are the nap pods that are created to enhance any nap-time. These pods are shaped to be a bed inside a white painted bubble that suppresses noise. Eventually the Resident Life tour guide highlights the living spaces of Building five. The rooms contain a flat screen television mounted onto the wall, sofa chairs that can be attached or removed from one another, vanity areas that are on one table top and spacious bedrooms with brand new furniture. Along the outside, it is important to note the outlets also have USB cord outlets for when you have something extra to hook-up.

At the rededication ceremony, that took place in the court yard area in between the two buildings, President Arthur F. Kirk Jr. touched upon the alumni giving back to the opportunities created for them. Kirk reminded students that they too shall one day be alumnae.

"Students, take note: your day is fast approaching," said Kirk.

It is important not to forget what has been given. One day, the students of today will have the opportunity to make opportunities for others. 230,000. That is how many bricks it took to make Buildings five and six.

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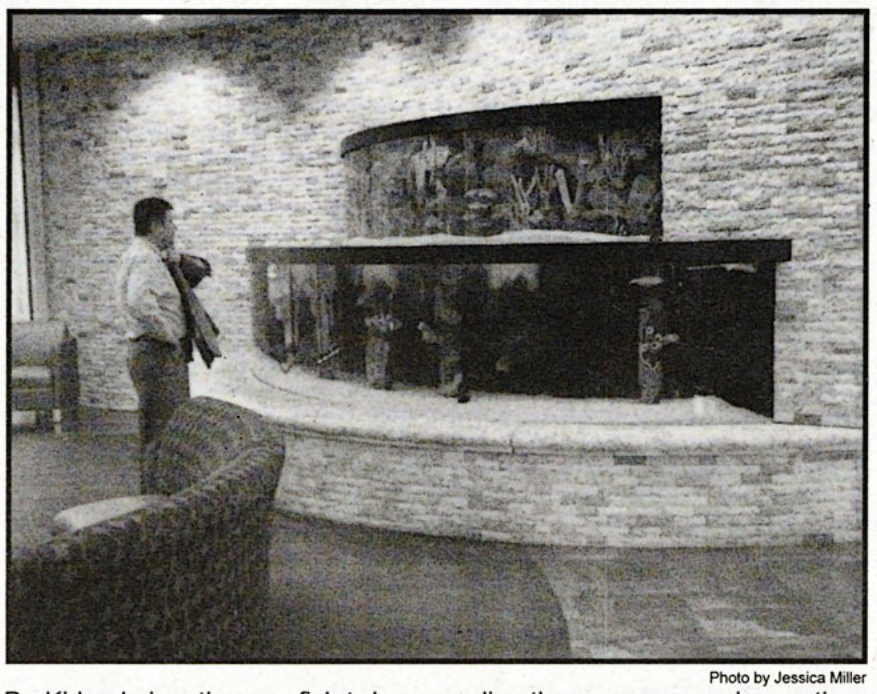
Dr. Kirk stands before a crowd of students, faculty, trustees, and community members while delivering his speech at the Building 5 dedication cermony on Sep. 9th.



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Dr. Kirk admires the new fish tank preceeding the ceremony and reception. The tank will be featured in the hit television series,*Tanked*.

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Denying responsibility: FAMU hazing case

By Owen Robertson
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Tuesday, September 11 it was reported by ABC News that Florida A&M University (FAMU) had filed papers in court in Tallahassee claiming that it had no responsibility in the hazing death of drum major Robert Champion. I am struck by the actions of FAMU.

Is this a trend; are we about to see major universities deny their responsibility to protect the student? I am not only a student at Saint Leo University but I am also a parent with a son considering which school to go to for his undergraduate work.

It is appalling to me as a parent that FAMU would file this case. Champion was a student, on a school activity, a trip to Orlando. FAMU makes the claim that Champion had a choice, but did he really? With the recognized pressures that peers place on each other, with the known dangers of hazing, which clearly went on for a long time at FAMU, especially within the marching band. How is it possible for FAMU to say they are not responsible for Robert Champion's death?

FAMU has a responsibility to protect every student whether they are 18, 22 or 44. Not one student is exempt from that charge. It is apparent that there was a clear culture of hazing and a tolerance of it in the FAMU marching band; one has only to examine the legal records of former students who have filed charges against FAMU or the fact that 12 former members of the FAMU band have been charged with felony hazing charges.

There is an inherent trust of a parent when you send your child to a university that they will be safe. That there are people watching out for them, to help guide and them and keep them from making choices that would put them in harm's way. When FAMU failed to crack down on the multi award winning marching band, for apparently its own self gain, FAMU failed that inherent trust.

I can only hold my head in shame as this case proceeds and hope that the legal system will not fail the Champion family, for if it does, who's next? If FAMU succeeds in its legal filings will Penn State be far behind?

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Recycling has large impact

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Over the past two years Saint Leo University has made great efforts to have the student body involved in recycling. Recycling bins are provided in the Library and in the Learning Resource Center and classrooms where students use paper the most. Saint Leo also provides students an opportunity to recycle soda cans with their dual waste baskets with one section for recycling and the other for waste materials. In addition to the students being encouraged to recycle, professors are also provided with recycling bins in their offices.

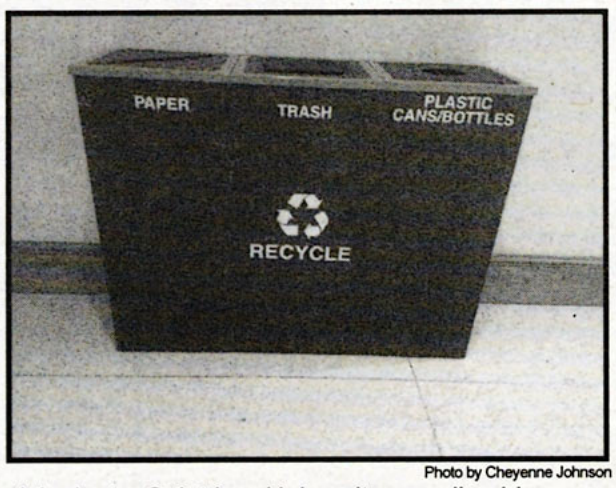

Photo by Cheyenne Johnson
A look at a Saint Leo University recycling bin, located on the first floor of the Donald RTapia School of Business.

Even though one may see the efforts being made to recycle on campus, what exactly happens to the materials thrown in the recycling bin and baskets? Saint Leo has hired students who are responsible for making sure that the recycling process goes orderly.

"We are a single stream recycler. This means we do not have to separate cans from paper from plastic from cardboard. But we cannot contaminate with food waste such as pizza boxes, wrappers, used paper plates, etc" discuses Mrs. Linda Pead, Coordinator of Plant Operation at Saint Leo.

The material collected from these bins is deposited into containers either at the "Chiller Plant" or Parking Lot 4 locations. These workers devote about two hours a week which allows the recycling on campus to be maintained. Pickups are arranged via the INSITE work ticket system; the materials are picked up by Waste Management and taken to the Land O' Lakes Recycling Center. After all of the materials are taken, the containers are brought back to the Saint Leo campus to be reused. When the entire process is completed Waste Management reports to Saint Leo the weight in tons that was taken to Land O' Lakes.

How do Saint Leo and the student body benefit from recycling?

"We are visibly representing our core values of responsible stewardship, community & respect with our concern for the environment by recycling and not adding to waste disposal within the county" says Pead.

Saint Leo does not financially benefit from recycling; Saint Leo actually pays to have its materials picked up. In the event that a single thread a non-similar item is found in a container the entire container is thrown away, explains Frank Mezzanini, Chief Financial Officer at Saint Leo University.

"Of course, if we can reuse any material it helps our environment and supports part of our mission to care for all of God's creations" says Mezzanini.

By recycling Saint Leo promotes its core values not only to the student body but also its surrounding community.

Desk of Whimsy: Saint Leo mourns another loss

By Kyle Dunlap
Copy Editor

Saint Leo University is reeling today after a huge loss amongst the student body. Steven iPhone, 2, was found dead in a student's residence this morning after a long night of partying and celebrating the end of a long week of classes. Initially, foul play was not suspected. However, new evidence has been uncovered. Senior Edward Oliva, a witness to the crime, said that the phone's guardian, Sophomore Dakota Rios, "left the phone in her bedroom all night while she was playing Scene It with her friends. She means well, but it seems like neglect to me." Others participating in the party could not be reached for comment as of the printing of this issue.

Steven iPhone was well known for his contributions good and bad to the campus life. He was professional, always keeping his guardian's mail up to date and keeping track of classes and appointments for her. He was also a social butterfly; Twitter and Facebook were both on his front page, always ready for use. He also dealt with disciplinary issues, such as announcing things loudly in classrooms and meetings, something that his guardian attempted to quiet:

"I'd turn his speaker off during class periods by flipping the mute switch, but sometimes he'd just be so excited and want to tell the world about my text messages and emails. He loved life and wanted to make the most of it. In fact, he was always recommending apps to me to keep me doing something new. I'll miss him," Rios said. When asked about the circumstances of his death, she stated that "he'd spent numerous nights in the bedroom with no problem, but this one just finished it off."

Oliva has a different take on it: "She should have never left it alone. For one thing, little Steven might have had an important message for her, and she'd have missed it with it in the bedroom. And, if he'd have been with her, he might have lived to tell her about more messages in the future. It's a crying shame." When asked for comment regarding the accusations of neglect, Rios declined to comment, stating that she "did not want her privacy invaded until any and all investigations were complete."

Steven iPhone is survived by his wife, Laurene iPad (7 months), and his sons Reed and Lawrence iPod (2 and 4 months, respectively). The only saving grace of this tragedy is that Steven had his mind backed up to his grandfather, Archie iMac, prior to his death. We at the Lions' Pride and at Saint Leo hope for the best and eagerly await the results of the cloning process.

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Dining hall sponsors ye old fashioned carnival

By Danielle Cortes
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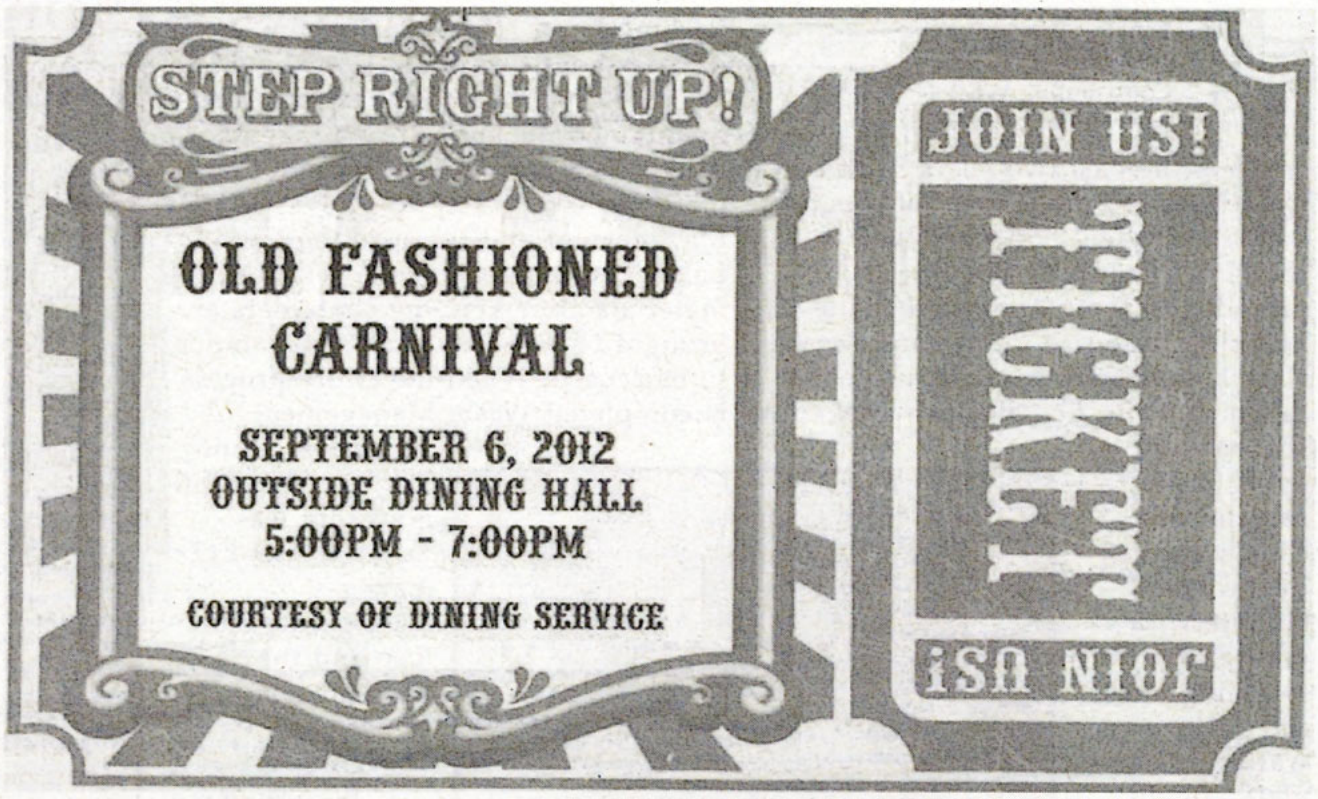

Welcome to Saint Leo University where there are daily surprises and even the staff likes to dress up and play carnival games with the students. This past Thursday, September 6th, the Dining Services department of Saint Leo University had the Old Fashion Carnival as a welcome back event for students.

They made sure to cover all the aspects that a normal carnival would include. The carnival included: turkey legs, funnel cake fries, pretzels, cotton candy, ring tosses, the tower of jugs that are knocked down with baseballs, balloon darts, and even gave students a chance to win goldfish if they could toss a ping pong ball into the fish's bowl. With such fun in such an enjoyable, friendly environment even the rain couldn't chase the students away. There was simply so much to do and such wonderful company to enjoy the beginning of the semester activities.

The way to participate in the events going on in the carnival or to even pick up a tasty treat, students had to pick up their free raffle tickets from the carnival booth that had been set up before the entrance of the cafeteria. These miniature passes were more than enough for all to engage in the fun activities. At one station students tossed darts at a wall of balloons in an attempt to win a stuffed animal. Each participant was given three darts and the goal of the game was to pop at least two balloons off of the wall; a task that proved to be one of the crowd favorites. In fact people were walking away from the station after 3 or more tries without a stuffed animal in their possession, and others who mastered the art of the dart were winning stuffed animals for their friends and family to enjoy.

The carnival station that had peaked the second most interest was the gold fish station. The participants of this game were given a select amount of ping pong balls and faced the challenging task of tossing the ball, ever so slightly into any of the presented gold fish bowls. Each bowl that a ball fell into was the prize, with gold fish inside. There were no losers here. The majority of the people walking away from this game were walking away with more than two fish bowls. In fact, several students had won so many times they had groups people carrying their prizes for them. However, the most inviting part of the atmosphere was that everyone was so enthusiastic and welcoming. Everyone was cheering each other on and encouraging each other to get as many wins as they could. Despite the rain it was a wonderful way welcome everyone back, and to celebrate the beginning of the semester with friends and good people.

The students and staff enjoyed so memorable moments in fun games and tasty treats. Thanks to the generous members of the Dinning Services for the Carnival; it was a success and overall a very enjoyable experience. Everyone's energy contributed to the level of success of the event.

The truth about core values and student misconduct

By Mike Gincel
Contributing Writer

Saint Leo University is a community rooted in core values that at the end of the day are based in a common respect for one another and their differences. However, there are always some students that choose to misbehave or cause problems amongst the community and are subsequently punished for those actions. Those students may see Sean Van Guilder, the Associate Director of Residence Life, and be punished with a variety of consequences as seen in the Student Code of Conduct. If the case is severe enough, it then goes to either Ana DiDonato, Assistant Director of Student Services or Kenneth Posner, the Associate Director of Student Services. Posner discussed the statistics of crime and punishment on campus and how Saint Leo students are actively helping out in reporting violations and becoming better students.

Posner stated that he "does not see many judicial incidents as Sean Van Guilder does; he deals with the lower level issues. Ana (DiDonato) and I deal with the more severe cases, such as breaking the law off-campus, physical violence or felonies committed on-campus." According to Posner the numbers were up in terms of judicals and reports of violence and violations of the Student Code of Conduct. However, it is not because of more violence and behavior problems on-campus.

"More and more students are reporting these issues and with our well-trained staff of Residential Assistants, Security Officers, and our Student Services team, we are able to combat the issue of student behavior issues and have a safer community" said Posner.

At Saint Leo University, the core values are brought up often as a way of life for us to live and to abide by. Some students do not seem to care or think the core values are important in their own lives and that they are just words on the wall. Posner agreed to that, however, he offered this.

"Students experience a radical change in four years; you will become a better person than you were when you came here four years ago. It is our hope that students can learn from the core values, to make a better community, to have respect for others and that we all have integrity."

When asked the main cause of student behavior problems on-campus? Posner quickly stated, "Alcohol. Many of the incidents have had alcohol play some sort of role. Whether it is underage drinking or over consumption, alcohol is a national leading problem on college campuses." Posner advises students to drink in moderation and to use common sense when making decisions.

Finally, when Posner was asked what can Saint Leo students do to avoid trouble and to become better members of our community? He simply replied:

"Follow the core values and always use common sense. These four years can be the most life changing of your lives, or you may leave with only a small bit of change. Regardless, make wise decisions and respect one another and your differences. And always know that the Student Services staff members are always here to help students with any questions or problems that they have."

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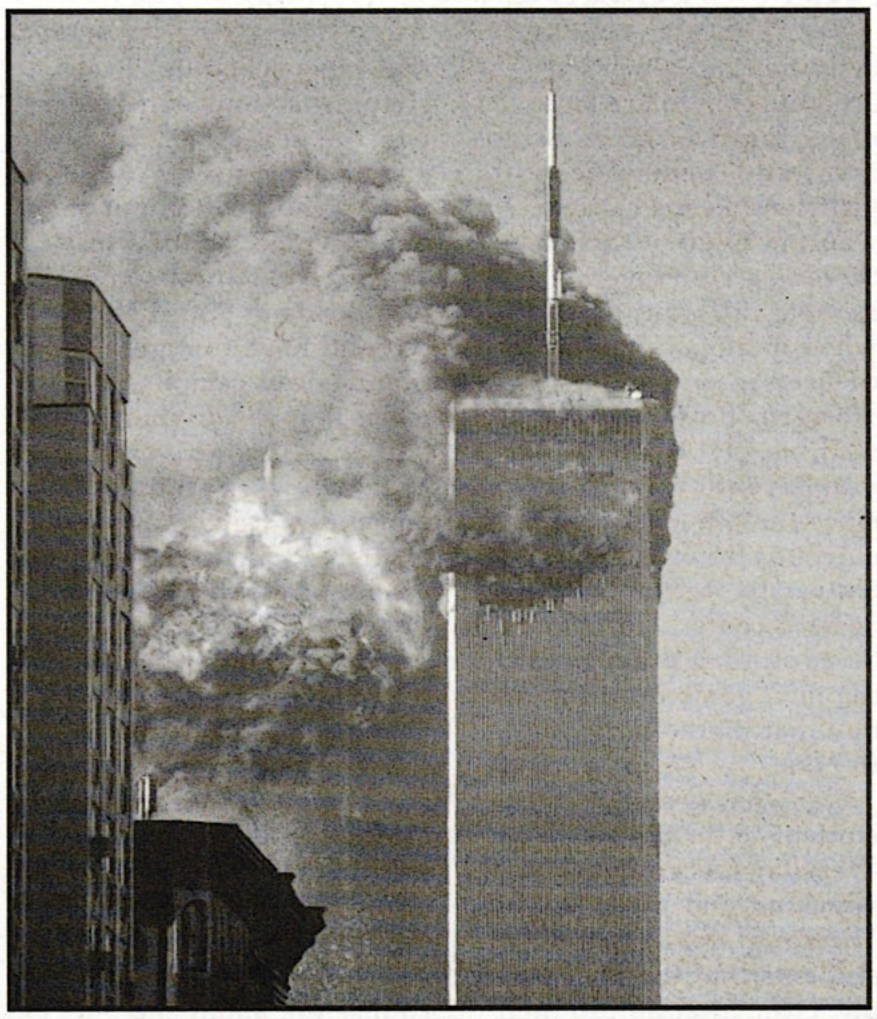
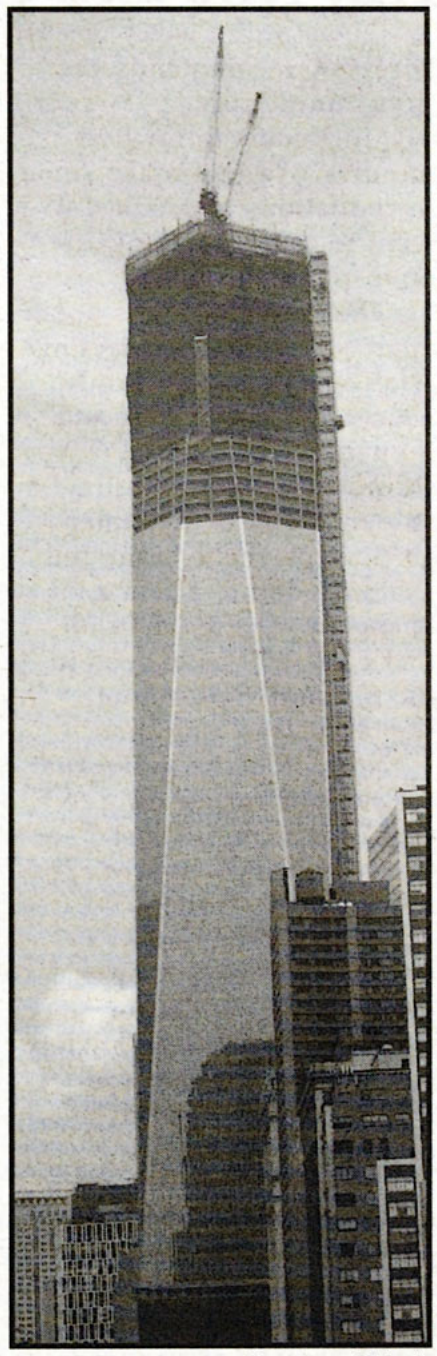
One day that will never be forgotten



Our prayers go out to those afected by the tragedy. Photo Courtey of wikimedia



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No one will ever forget the horror of September 11th 2001. Watching the planes crash into the World Trade Center is a sight, for those who witnessed, that will never be forgotten.

At 8:46am that day the world stood still. The first plane had crashed into tower one of the World Trade Center. The second plane followed at 9:03 am crashing into Tower Two. In a span of 17 minutes the world changed forever. Nineteen terrorist from al-Qaeda hijacked four passenger jets. Two of those planes hit the North and the South tower of the World Trade Center. Within two hours, debris was the only remnants of the towers. The third plane hit the Pentagon. The fourth plane was intended to hit the United Stated Capitol Building, but it crashed in Pennsylvania. As of writing this article the current number of people that lost their lives due to these attacks sits at 2,753.

For those of you that were adults or teenagers during that time, you remember this day perfectly.

Professor Aaron Fehir says he remembers "very quiet skies." The disbelief that something as traumatic as this actually happened to the United States of America was plentiful. For those with relatives in New York, horror and fear struck.

Freshman Stephanie Holz tells of how her mother was "watching the news and immediately started to call of the family members they had in New York." Thankfully they were all okay.

As the years go by the less students actually remember that day, they got most of their knowledge from their parents telling them or learning it in school. Saint Leo University's freshman class was only in second grade at the time.

Freshman Shayvonne Renaud states that "That day was a really confusing day. It wasn't until a few years later that I really understood what happened."

Most of what this year's freshman remembers is simply being picked up from school and watching the news all day. They didn't understand the severity of the situation.

Freshman Stacey Bigge says "I remember being in music class and one of my friends telling me that something bad had happened, I didn't believe her."

The students can fully appreciate that day now that they have learned everything that has happened and how many families lost loved ones that day. We honor this day in remembrance of all the people who died in this accident. Eleven years have gone by and that day will still never be forgotten as long as anyone lives. In place of the twin towers stands a new tower, the Freedom tower. This stands at 1250 feet and commemorates all of the lives lost that day, making sure no one ever forgets. There is also a memorial in place at the former World Trade Center complex in Manhattan that spans a total of eight acres in honor of the people who died in the towers and the firefighters and police officers that were killed in the line of duty.

There is no doubt that this day will live on forever in our lives. The loved ones lost will never be forgotten.

Campus Activities Board update

By Andrew Levengood
Staff Writer

The Campus Activities board has a plethora of events coming up for each student to par take in. On September 14 they are taking students to Universal Orlando's City Walk. Students had the option of either buying a pass to the night life (21+) or Blue Man Group. Though tickets have sold out students may still try to attend via the waitlist by meeting at security with the students who have already purchased tickets.

On September 20 they will be taking a van trip to Target on Bruce B. Downs; tickets are free and go on sale at 5:15 PM on September 13. Also on the September 20 they are taking a trip to the Rays vs. Boston Red Sox game at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg. Tickets are five dollars apiece and go on sale at 9 PM on September 12.

On September 23 CAB is taking students to The Shops at Wiregrass; tickets are free and go on sale on September 16 at 1:45 PM. On September 28 Cab is going on their first movie trip to Muvico on Bruce B. Downs; tickets are free and include a small popcorn. Tickets go on sale on September 13 at 5 PM.

CAB will be taking trips throughout the rest of the year including to both Busch Gardens Howl O' Scream, Universal Studios Halloween Horror Nights, and a Tampa Bay Lightning game (barring a lockout in the NHL). You can find out about all the CAB events on saintleotickets.com or stop by the CAB office in the Student Activities Building and speak with any of the four CAB representatives.

Campus News

It's counseling, not the crazy house

By Mike Gincel
Contributing Writer

The 'crazy house' might seem like the place that one would need to go as the typical college student. With stress accumulating every day, one might even find themselves rethinking if college is the right choice for them anymore.

Wait! There is an option right here on the Saint Leo University campus that can assist with all stages of stress. The Student Counseling Center, located right next to the Health Clinic in DeChantal, provides a different range of health benefits that the Health Clinic cannot.

"There are a lot of things to adjust to," remarked Lawson Jolly, the director at the Student Counseling Center. College students are the ones that feel the most role placing stress as they are breaking into adult-hood and later, with a little luck and sweat, onto a career. Everyone needs help at one time or another. However, it is hard to admit when help is needed, and even harder to go and gather that necessary help. Krista Jones, the Assistant Director, recommends the 'five minute rule.'

"Just come in for five minutes. We will make some introductions and talk. . .We want to give a relaxing atmosphere," she said.

Those five minutes break apart uncomfortable feelings as all students are warmly welcomed by the staff and invited in. As a fact, it is showed that from the time a student body of freshmen go through the average four years needed to attain a Bachelors' Degree, half of that class will have been in the Student Counseling Center at least one time.

No matter the individual, the reasons for needing to find counseling or just someone to talk to are numerous. As college students, anxiety and relationship conflicts are high among the list for stressors. Those with anxiety have symptoms that can include upset stomach, fatigue and unable to maintain focus. More often than not, these symptoms pass in short periods of times, but anxiety can develop into more serious health matters if one finds themselves experiencing anxiety frequently. Then, on top of all this anxiety from tests, homework, club activities and a work schedule; there are also many forms of relationships involved. The boyfriend or girlfriend keeps calling wanting to go out when there is a club meeting. Parents call wanting to talk when there is finally an hour to sleep in on Sunday morning. Professors' e-mail wanting that ten page paper brought into their office, since the school laptop is currently rooming at the University Technology Service center. Coaches need an additional practice for the next game on the same day that there are two tests to take.

So what is a college student to do when everyday feels nerve-wracking and never-ending? The counselors remind students that they need to pay close attention to their diet and sleep. Try to eat three well balance meals a day; that include a variety of colors. And sorry, but Ramen Noodles are not making the cut for a daily healthy food choice. Bring simple, healthy snacks to class such as baby carrots and lightly staled pretzels. Sleep for at least eight hours a night (Please stop laughing; it is possible), or take a short nap in- between that busy schedule. The simplest actions will give a boost of self-esteem and energy that can make the difference through-out the day. Become habitual in organization and balancing workloads in your life. Go out and have fun, get involved on campus, but make that call to mom and dad once in a while. Write events down with dates and times. Developing a written out schedule will reduce stress and feelings of anxiety or depression.

Jones states, "We want people to be well."

This applies to every student on campus. If there is a student suffering with alcohol problems or is in a conflicting relationship, the Student Counseling Center advises that anyone can come in and inform the counselors about the situation with privacy. Although the school year becomes busy in a hurry, make time to stop by the Student Counseling Center if guidance is still needed. Remember that over two-hundred students visit with the counselors every year, so no one is alone when it comes to needing advice.

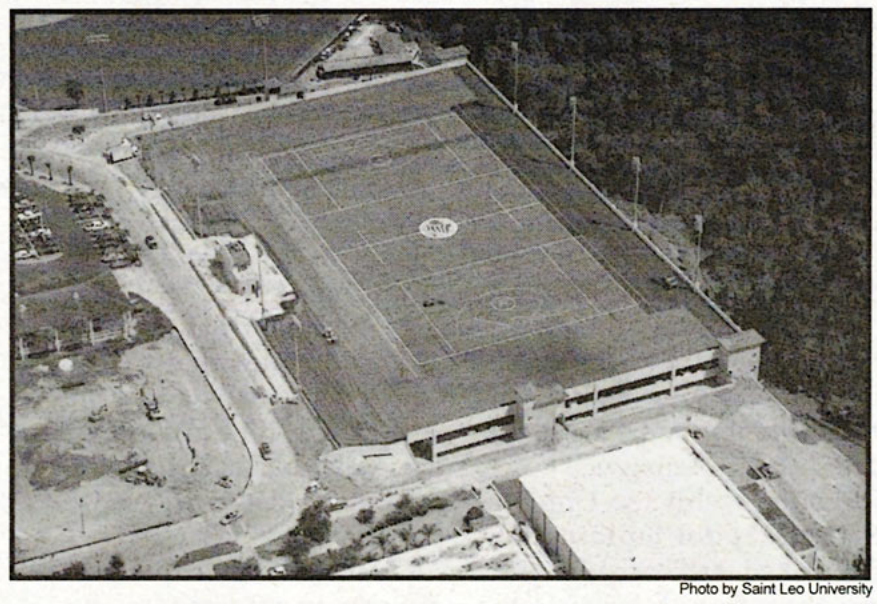
New turf, new style: Saint Leo's newest facility turns heads

By Cheyenne Johnson
Contributing Writer

For the new freshmen on campus, one might think that all of this construction is just for the underground parking garage, but that person would be wrong. This construction not only benefits the parking issues on campus, but it also benefits some of our sports teams such as soccer and lacrosse. Saint Leo University's new state of the art athletic field is built on top of the garage.

The construction on this new field began last spring and should hopefully be completed by the end of September if all goes as planned. According to Junior men's soccer player Michael Panter, "The turf being laid on our field is state-of-the-art turf that is being used by the New England Patriots at their Gillette Stadium." He goes on to say that this artificial turf is supposed to simulate running on real grass. Senior women's soccer player Andrea Lott adds on to this by saying the "turf speeds up the game because the ball moves much faster on turf then it does on the grass; because of this we are going to have to change the way we play if we intend on playing on the new field."

The parking garage located beneath the field obviously has its perks as well. It is equipped with two spacious levels for maximum parking. This helps students not have to drive around looking for a parking spot, which in turn helps them to get to class on time. Another perk is that on game nights, the field is located right on top so there is not much of a walk from the car to the stadium seats.



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An arial view of the new soccer field, located on top of the parking garage.

To all the students who get the honor of playing on this new field, I believe Michael Panter said it best: "To have this kind of opportunity to play on a brand new state-of-the-art turf field is something I've never experienced in my life, and being able to succeed with facilities like this is a blessing."

Everyone will definitely enjoy this field.

Campus News

A day in the life of anArmy ROTC Cadet

By Danielle Cortes
Staff Writer

Every year we see our fellow students dress up in their uniforms and join their fellow cadets, as they walk around campus with pride, for their future in defending our country and helping the community here at Saint Leo University. But what is it really like to be a cadet in the ROTC units here at Saint Leo University?

Not all students are aware but the cadets here at Saint Leo University work with the cadets at University of South Florida in the program deemed the Sun Coast Battalion. "Cadets are exposed to intensive physical training from 0630-0730, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday during which their physical ability is constantly reassessed and compared against all other cadets in the program, and ultimately the Nation", states John Crawford, Senior Cadet and student at Saint Leo University. The program is no joke as the students prepare to enter the big leagues when they graduate. Because the Army is competitive and demands a high level of mental and physical readiness, the physical fitness a cadet displays will directly impact their chances of successfully completing the program and commissioning as a Second Lieutenant.

Each year the level of daily commitment increases to prepare cadets for a career as a future Army officer. Those in the program that do exceptionally well are offered training opportunities during their winter and summer vacations, and there is no better break from the standard practice of going to class than jumping out of a few perfectly good airplanes. If cadets make the cut by their senior year, the daily routine consists of generating plans for Battalion training operations and developing the junior cadet's leadership ability. "Army officers are expected to lead their soldiers from the front, and that means only the most fit individuals will be successful. Only a select few will actually make the cut and wear the Army uniform after graduation", says Cadet First Lieutenant Kyle Ciancio; Assistant Battalion S-3, Operations Officer.

Thursdays are typically reserved for training in small unit tactics during which cadets, in their junior year, are assessed in how they perform under pressure in various simulated combat scenarios. Meanwhile, seniors serve as mentors and assessors during this process; they also plan and oversee that training requirements are met to standard so that they we successful at Leadership Development and Assessment Course (LDAC). All cadets who are academically standing juniors are required to go to LDAC, in Fort Lewis, WA, between the summer of their junior and senior year where they will be ranked and compared against all other cadets in the nation; approximately six thousand.

"Army ROTC cadets sacrifice a lot of personal time, effort, and energy throughout their time here at Saint Leo University; they are expected to be at the top of their class academically, demonstrate the physical and mental ability to operate under extremely stressful situations, and must also serve as role models to their peers. It is a long process, but the experience gained along the way no doubt places them in a position to excel as professionals when it comes time to walk across the stage for graduation", states Ciancio. These students are hard workers just like the rest of student, staff, and faculty at Saint Leo University, and there is no doubt that everyone shares pride in knowing that the cadets always show the Leo Spirit in a positive light.

Student Government Union update: senate elections

By Winnie Jean-Enard
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It is the beginning of a new academic year; students came from across the world to gather here at Saint Leo University as one big family. To ensure that the students' voices are heard, senate elections are held at the beginning of every academic year. Students will have the opportunity to vote this September 11th at the Dining Hall and the SAB Loggia or online at https://eballot4.votenet.com/SaintLeo/login.cfm.

"Voting this year will be done on a two-tiered system. Each voter will vote twice: once for an individual candidate at large, then once for a class delegation. Individual candidates who receive at least 2% of the total votes are elected to fill one of the 30 senate seats available. If remaining seats still exist, the class delegations will be awarded seats proportionate to the percentage of votes the class earns. For example, if we fill 20 individual seats from the candidates at large, the ten remaining seats to be filled by the class delegations. If the freshmen class were to receive 50% of the class vote, then 50% of the remaining seats would go to the freshmen class, and so on for the other classes until all the seats are filled", explained Junior Corey DeHate, vice president of operations.

According to the new constitution of Saint Leo, the purpose of the Senate elections is to have a group of students to represent the student body and make communication between the SGU (Student Government Union) and the organizations.

"It empowers the senate to truly serve as the voice of the student body at large", says Junior Corey DeHate.

The senator must serve the community and attend the meetings, must reflect self-discipline and above all he must strive to abet the Core Values of the University which are excellence, community, respect, personal development, responsible stewardship and integrity.

Being a senator at Saint Leo means getting involved in every aspect of the University. It is not only making communication between organizations and SGU, but also truly serves the community.

"I aim to serve people. SGU was the best way for me to get involved in the university", said Senior Katie Gwinn, President of the Student Government Union.

"Being a senator to me is a major esponsibility. The campus looks at you as a student leader and expects you to be a role model and one that can help students when they have questions or problems with the University or with the events going on around campus. It is important to me because it is my way of giving back to a community that has given me so much. I would absolutely be honored if I was given one more year in Senate to help the Saint Leo community prior to my graduation" declares Senior Michael Gincel, elected senator three times.

In the long run, being a senator at Saint Leo is nothing more than being willing to serve others.

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Sports

College football in full swing

By Taylor McGillis
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South Florida - The University of South Florida football team moved to 2-0 after beating Nevada 32-31 in thrilling fashion on Saturday, Sep. 8 in Reno, Nev.

The Bulls trailed the Wolf Pack 31-20 with less than three minutes remaining in the fourth quarter, but a 52-yard touchdown pass from B.J. Daniels to Chris Dunkley cut the Nevada lead to five. After a failed two-point conversion attempt, the Bulls attempted an onside kick, but the Nevada return team quickly corralled it. With only 2:37 on the clock and only two timeouts, the Bulls' chances of completing the comeback were looking bleak. The USF defense stepped up in the critical time, however, stuffing the Wolf Pack run attempt three times to set up a punt attempt for the Wolf Pack, and one final drive for Daniels and company. With 38 seconds on the clock, Daniels connected with Andre Davis for a 56-yard touchdown, giving the Bulls their first lead of the game. Nevada attempted one final drive, but the Bulls finished it off with an exclamation point when Tevin Mims sacked Cody Fajardo as time expired.

It was over when...USF defensive lineman Tevin Mims sacked Cody Fajardo as time expired.

The Bulls' next opponent is Big East Conference foe Rutgers, who comes to Tampa on Thursday, Sep. 13. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

Florida State - The fifth-ranked Seminoles moved to 2-0 on the year after routing FCS (1-AA) Savannah State by a score of 55-0 on Saturday, Sep. 8 at Doak Campbell Stadium. As expected, the game was never even close. Florida State put up 35 points in the first quarter and put on cruise control the rest of the game, which was ended in the third quarter due to severe weather. E.J. Manuel completed 11-13 passes for 161 yards through the air and three touchdowns. Both teams agreed to a running clock in the second half, but the game was ended 8:59 left in the third quarter. The Seminoles defense held the Tigers offense to just 28 yards for the game.

It was over when...West Virginia backed out of their scheduled game against Florida State due to their move to the Big 12. The Seminoles had to scramble to find a replacement, but eventually found Savannah State.

Florida State gets back into action on Sep. 15 when the Seminoles welcome Wake Forest into town.

Florida - The Florida Gators (2-0) gave a warm welcome to the SEC's newest member, Texas A&M, by way of a 20-17 win over the Aggies in College Station, Texas on Saturday, Sep. 8. The Aggies took a 17-10 lead into halftime, but Florida's Mike Gillislee sealed the win for the Gators with his touchdown run in the fourth quarter. Florida quarterback Jeff Driskel totaled 136 yards through the air by way of 13-16 passing. Gillislee led the Gators' offense with 83 yards rushing on 14 carries and two touchdowns.

It was over when...Mike Gillislee gave Florida the lead with his fourth quarter touchdown run.

No. 18 Florida travels to No. 23 Tennessee on Saturday, Sep. 15. Kickoff is set for 6 p.m.

Miami - After a strong road win at Boston College to open the season, the Miami Hurricanes (1-1) took a step in the wrong direction, as they got waxed by No. 15 Kansas State 52-13 in Manhattan, Kan. on Sep. 8.

Kansas State's Heisman-caliber quarterback Collin Klein led the Wildcats' offensive surge with 281 yards of total offense, three rushing touchdowns, and one through the air. Miami's Stephen Morris completed 19-26 passes for 215 yards, but did not find the end zone once. The only strike from Miami came late in the fourth quarter when backup quarterback Ryan Williams connected with Clive Walford on a two-yard touchdown pass.

It was over when...Collin Klein pranced into the end zone for the third time, stretching the Kansas State lead to 31-6 midway through the third quarter.

The Hurricanes will square off against Bethune-Cookman on Saturday, Sep. 15 in their home opener.

Lions fall sports recap: volleyball, soccer, and cross country

By Chad Wise
Sports Editor

With the National Football League and NCAA football seasons starting recently, some attention has been taken away from the Saint Leo University Lions, especially with no recent home events. The Lions have been travelling throughout the country, however, as volleyball, women's soccer, and the men's and women's cross country teams have each been in action away from University Campus.

Volleyball

The Lions won each of their four opening matches against non-conference opponents at the Marion Bowman Center to start their season, and continued the run in Missouri at the 2012 Southwest Baptist University Purple Bash with a 3-1 win against Drury on Friday, Sep. 7.

Saint Leo started off slowly, losing the first set 20-25, but managed to come back and finish the match in three straight sets (25-18, 25-16, 25-18) to gain their fifth victory of the season. The Lions failed to pull off the same come-from-behind magic a second time, as the women suffered their first defeat against Pittsburg State (25-17, 25-23, 29-31, 25-21) the same day.

"I think in both matches we started out slow and it just caught up with us in the second match," Saint Leo Coach Sam Cibrone said.

The second day of the SBU Purple Bash brought another split for the Lions; a 9:00 am start time against Harding resulted in another (18-25, 11-25, 20-25) loss on Saturday, Sep. 8, before a (25-12, 28-26, 25-17) redeeming victory against Northwest Oklahoma State later that day.

Senior Heather Martin led the way with seven service aces against Northwest Oklahoma State, while sophomore Lauren Campbell had nine kills against Harding.

Women's Soccer

The #8 Lions travelled to Georgia for a pair of games in the Bobcat Shootout, including a 4-0 loss to Tusculum on Friday, Sep. 7.

In spite of six shots on goal, Saint Leo was shutout against the Pioneers. Freshman goalkeeper Abby Evans stopped four of eight shots and juniors Line Pedersen and Stephanie Marran each had a shot on goal in an attempt to get the Lions back into the win column.

The women's soccer team also faced host Georgia College on Sunday, Sep. 9 and opened Sunshine State Conference play at Lynn on Wednesday, Sep. 12. The Lions return home for two more conference match-ups against Barry and Tampa on Saturday, Sep. 15 and Wednesday, Sep. 19, respectively.

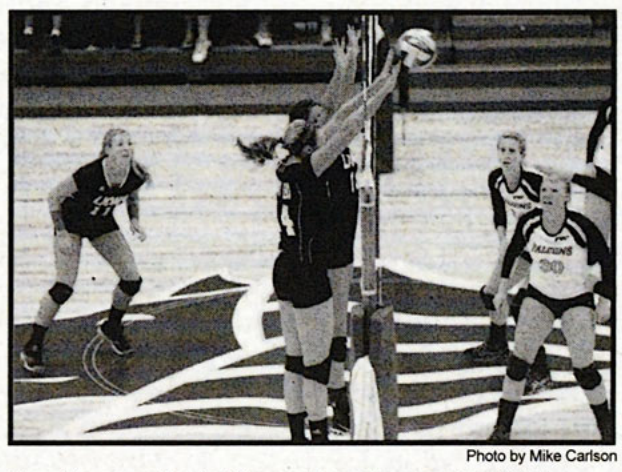

Photo by Mike Carlson

The Lions volleyball team in action against the Montevallo Falcons.

Cross Country

The men's and women's cross country teams each competed at the USF Bulls Cross Country Invitational at the University of South Florida golf course on Friday, Sep. 7.

The men finished eighth and the women ninth overall, with men's freshman Carl Dunne taking home a seventh-place finish after a 27:15:.25 8K race.

Senior Jillian Browne led the Lions in the women's race with her 21:39.58 5K time. Junior Andrea Maxwell finished less than a second after Browne at 21:40.19.

The UF Invitational will be the cross country teams' next meet on Saturday, Sep. 15 in Gainesville.

Men's Soccer

The Lions recently earned the #25 spot in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America top-25 poll after two early victories. Saint Leo is in action next at home against Barry on Saturday, Sep. 15.

Tennis

Men's and women's tennis open their respective seasons Friday, Sep. 14 through Sunday, Sep. 16 at the Columbus State Fall Invitational in Columbus, Georgia.